

PEOPLE'S PULPIT...



Sermon by
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Three Men and Two Women Whom Jesus Loved.

Text, "Lord, He Whom Thou Lovest Is Sick."

Chicago, June 26.—Pastor Russell of the Brooklyn Tabernacle preached here twice today in Orchestra Hall. As usual he had a large and attentive audience. We quote one of his discourses in part as follows:

All men who have any knowledge of Jesus esteem him—Christians, Gentiles, and Jews. All men whatever their religious convictions are ready to admit the surpassing personality of the great Nazarene and his wonderful words of life. It is as respects his Messiahship that they differ. However, we submit that if he were not the special servant of Jehovah, the Son of God, as he claimed, sent into the world on a special mission, then he must of necessity have been either a deceived man or a wicked impostor. His wonderful personality and words of justice and wisdom and love contradict the thought that he was either ignorant or a deceiver. Hence the only tenable ground is that he was a deceived man or else that he was indeed the Son of God who acted and spoke and performed miracles under Divine direction and power. We hold that the evidences of his teaching overwhelmingly corroborate the truth of his claims. But here we make a distinction between the claims which our Lord Jesus made for himself and other claims which have been made for him without his sanction and without apostolic or other inspired corroboration.

Let it not be supposed that we are forgetting the length and breadth of Jesus' love for all humanity and a special love for all his disciples, yea, for all who loved righteousness and sought, as he did, to do the Father's will. In keeping with this was his prayer for his disciples on the night before his crucifixion, in connection with which we read, "Jesus having loved his own, loved them unto the end" (John xiii, 1). And again his statement "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends" (John xv, 13). And again his statement, "Who is my mother, and who are my brethren? And he stretched forth his hand to his disciples, and said, Behold my mother, and my brethren! For whosoever shall do the will of my Father which is in Heaven, the same is my brother, and sister, and mother" (Matthew xiii, 48-50). These expressions give us a glimpse of the length and breadth of the love of Jesus. But for the present occasion let us consider those persons whom Jesus is said to have specially loved.

"Jesus Beholding Him Loved Him."
The rich young nobleman who came to the Lord said, Rabbi, what good thing shall I do that I may inherit the Kingdom of God? Jesus saith unto him, Thou knowest the commandments... and he said unto him, Master, all these have I observed from my youth. Then Jesus beholding him, loved him. Jesus lovingly admired the young man who was thus desirous of being in full accord with the Heavenly Father's will. That young man had very much of the Master's own spirit. He wanted to do right and he desired to have the gift of God, eternal life. He thought that he must have merited this by his faithful attention to the Law. Yet he knew that he had not attained to eternal life, that the death sentence was still upon him. He sought counsel of the greatest Rabbi, the greatest Teacher. That Teacher loved so earnest a spirit and proffered him advice on what he still lacked of coming fully up to God's requirements of those who will be granted a place in the Messianic Kingdom, which in "due time" is to bless Israel and, through Israel, all the families of the earth.

In no uncertain terms the Master gave the young man to see that while he had been keeping, probably to the best of his ability, the commandments of the decalogue, he had only imperfectly discerned the meaning of the Divine requirement of love for his neighbor as for himself. The young man was very rich. And to fulfill the requirements of the Law to love his neighbor as himself would have meant not the hoarding of wealth, nor necessarily the distribution of it all, but the wise use of it in the interest of his fellowmen. But to gain a share in the Kingdom would require even more than this. He must take up his cross and become a follower of Jesus—walking in the steps of full obedience to the Divine will. The price was too much for the young man, and he went his way. Jesus merely answered the question but did not urge the young man to thus present himself a living sacrifice to God and his service. Indeed in no case did Jesus ever do more than invite—never did he urge. On the contrary he advised, sit down first and count the cost of discipleship.

What could we surmise respecting the eternal destiny of this young man who had been striving so earnestly to keep the Law and to gain eternal life, and who turned from Jesus and declined to take up the cross and follow him? Could we suppose that Divine Justice would send such a man to eternal torment under these conditions? If there were such a penalty over him

could we suppose that Jesus would have allowed him to go without urging him strenuously, without at least warning him, that by his course he was making the choice of eternal torment? Can we suppose that our Master knew that all the people whom he addressed and who failed to accept his message would be consequently consigned to eternal torture, and that he let them go without urging the matter upon them? We could not so think! Thank God we are gradually getting free from the bondage of error fastened upon us by those who mis-translated certain words in our Bible.

We get the proper view when we remember that Jesus' message at that time was "The Gospel of the Kingdom." He was merely inviting whoever might have the ear to hear and the heart to appreciate the privilege to become associated with himself in the glorious Kingdom for which he told his disciples to pray, "Thy Kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is done in heaven." What the rich young man lost was the special privilege of becoming a joint-heir with Christ in that Kingdom which, in due time, will be established and whose mission will be the blessing of Israel and the world. It will bring to them "times of restitution of all things which God hath spoken by the mouth of all the holy prophets since the world began" (Acts iii, 19-21.)

"He Whom Thou Lovest Is Sick."
Our text stands related to a very wonderful chapter in our Lord's ministry. Jesus with his disciples was about three days' journey from Bethany, the home of Lazarus, Martha and Mary. But they knew his whereabouts, for he was a special friend and their home was his home whenever he was near Jerusalem. Lazarus took seriously ill. But the two sisters, Martha and Mary, feared nothing, since they had such great confidence in Jesus, even to belief in his ability to awaken sleepers from death. They thought it proper to send the Master word respecting Lazarus, but not proper to deliberate to him what should be done in the case. Rather they left to himself to decide whether he should speak the word and rebuke the disease or whether he should come to Bethany and take the sick by the hand and say, Arise. The simple message they sent was "Lord, he whom thou lovest is sick." The beautiful, childlike, simple faith which they exhibited must have been very precious in the Master's sight. Nevertheless Jesus said nothing, and did nothing in the matter for three days. Then he said to his disciples, "Our friend Lazarus sleepeth." They did not grasp his meaning until he said to them plainly, Lazarus is dead; and I am glad for your sakes that I was not there. I am glad because it will give me an opportunity to demonstrate to you and through you to all who shall be my disciples in the future the great power of God that is vested in me in respect to the resurrection of the dead.

All Bible Students surely have noticed how frequently in the Scriptures the word "sleep" is used as a poetical synonym for death. "Abraham slept with his fathers." "David slept with his fathers." Prophets, priests and kings are said to have slept with their fathers, whether good or bad. Likewise the New Testament uses the same figure of speech. We read that St. Stephen the martyr, stoned to death, "fell asleep." St. Paul speaks of the Church as falling asleep in death and refers to all of our friends, good and bad, who go down into death, as being "asleep in Jesus." He tells us that we need not sorrow for them as others who know not the resurrection hope. All who fall asleep in death because of Adam's transgression and its death sentence have in Jesus a Divinely appointed Redeemer who in God's due time is to awaken all the sleeping hosts of Adam's race. "All that are in their graves shall hear the voice of the Son of man and come forth." They that have done good (who have secured Divine approval as worthy of eternal life) shall come forth unto the resurrection of life [full perfection]; and they that have done evil [that have not secured the Divine approval as being worthy of eternal life] shall come forth in the resurrection for judgment (John v, 28, 29) or trial, for discipline, for correction in righteousness during Messiah's reign of 1,000 years.

Coming forth in that judgment time or trial time, all the willing and obedient will eventually be lifted out of sin and death, while those disobedient to the light and opportunity will be again consigned to death—Second Death, everlasting extinction (John v, 28, 29, R. V.).

We have read our Bibles too carelessly in the past and have given too much heed to those who, with less opportunities than ourselves, grossly misinterpreted its teachings. What did we think respecting this word "sleep" anyway? Did we suppose that both the good and the bad "sleep" in heaven? We were told that the bad would go to a place too warm for sleep. But our own brains and our own Bibles we never thought of using in connection with the subject. Now, when we hearken to the Word of God, how plain, how simple, how reasonable, are its teachings! The dead are dead and not alive. However, in view of God's plan that there shall be a resurrection of the dead "in due time" he speaks of the dead not as extinct like the brute, but as merely asleep. They are waiting for the morning—the glorious morning of Messiah's Kingdom, when "the Sun of Righteousness shall arise with healing in its beams," when Satan shall be bound for a thousand years and deceive the peoples no more. Instead of the reign of Sin and Death the reign of Righteousness and Life—everlasting shall begin. How beautifully the Scriptures answer the question of where the dead sleep. "Many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake" (Daniel xii, 2).

"Lazarus, Come Forth."
Jesus and his disciples turned their steps toward Bethany. Poor Martha and Mary meantime were sorely disappointed. Not for a moment did they suppose that their mighty Friend would allow this trouble to come upon them—that he would neglect to come or to use his power to save Lazarus from dying. So grief-stricken and so heart-broken were they that Martha only came to meet the Master, and her first words were those of gentle reproach reminding him of their disappointment in him: "Lord, if thou hadst been here—if thou hadst come when we sent thee word—our brother had not died."

What message of comfort did Jesus express? Did he say, Martha, Lazarus is far better off in heaven! He is with the angels! He is singing and very happy! Surely you would not bring him back to earth again! Were these the words of Jesus? No. He merely said, "Thy brother shall rise again." He thus implied that her brother was not alive but really dead. How could he rise again if he had not ceased to live? Martha's reply indicates that she understood what were the teachings of Jesus and of the prophets. She said, "I know that he shall rise again in the resurrection at the last day." But Jesus wished to draw her attention to the present and to have her ask him even at this time to call Lazarus back from the sleep of death. So he said, "I am the resurrection and the life." You, Martha, recognize me as the Messiah, the Son of God. You believe that eventually when the resurrection does take place, God's resurrection power will be exercised through me. And now I am here with you. Why do you not ask me to exercise some of this power in advance? Where have you laid him?

Martha finally caught the thought, but replied, No, Lord, it is too late now. By this time he stunketh, for he has been dead four days. If you had come when I sent you word, or even had gotten here within a day or so, there would have been some hope, but now it has gone too far for that; for decomposition has set in. No miracle could possibly reorganize broken-down tissues. But Jesus insisted that they should show him the place. When he came to the tomb, what did the Master do? Did he command Lazarus to lay aside his crown and harp in heaven and bid the angels goody and come back to earth life? No! Did he call for him to come up from Purgatory, the location of which nobody knows? No! What did he say? Addressing the tomb, he said, "Lazarus, come forth!" And what occurred? The dead one came forth. He was not alive at all! He was dead!

The Beloved Family.
We read again, "Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister, and Lazarus." Some have thought that they discerned Lazarus amongst later disciples of Christ—possibly Barnabas. But any one who was one whom Jesus loved, even though he was not one of the apostles who followed with the Lord. And Martha has come down to us as a synonym of bustling, energetic hospitality, "bustled about many things." Yet surely she was loving and loyal to the Master. Jesus loved Martha and we may be sure therefore that he loves all of similar character. But he loved Mary also. And we do not forget that when she gave up some of her housework that she might sit at the feet of Jesus and learn of him the Master declared that she had "chosen the better part." This was the same Mary who anointed the Master with the precious spikenard ointment five days before his burial. Martha and Mary both loved and were loved of the Lord, yet, evidently, Mary's love and the form it took was specially approved of the Master.

Finally we come to John the loving disciple of whom it is said that he was "that disciple whom Jesus loved." What a glorious testimony was John! We remember that he and his brother loved the Lord so dearly that they desired that in his Kingdom in the future they might be next to him, one on his right hand, the other on his left hand. We remember that the Master answered that only by drinking of his cup of shame and ignominy, and by being baptized into his sacrificial death could they hope to sit in his throne at all. And we recall how loyally they agreed to these terms.

In proportion as we are desirous of having the Master's approval and smile, let us each seek to cultivate his character-likeness. The Apostle tells us that such copies of God's dear Son are to be honored with a share with him in his Kingdom glory on the heavenly plane. To such will come the honor and privilege of blessing and uplifting mankind in general—to an earthly salvation in Paradise restored—by and by. As we note the special features of character which called forth the Master's love we will more and more be able to copy them in reaching our goal.

THE MASONIC QUARTETTE



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WOLVERTON

Building Up A Strong Team At Oakland, Cal.,

(Oakland, Cal., Enquirer)

The Oakland team, which was considered a pennant possibility before the season opened, is now showing what it can do under the guidance of a good manager. Harry Wolverton, the ex-big leaguer, has whipped his team into such a good shape that it is practically unbeatable. All the players swear by Wolverton, as he never censures them publicly. The other day when Wares, the Commuters' star shortstop, made a bad error which cost Oakland the game, Wolverton did not say a word at the time, but after the inning, when Wares was crossing the field with a disappointed look on his face, the manager told the star shortstop not to mind, as he had made errors himself, and that the best of them made errors.

It is that kind of talk that has made Wolverton so solid with his players. Oakland has always had a good team, but they have not played well together and it has taken such a man as Wolverton to get the inside baseball machine working.

If the coast league season had opened on April 30 instead of March 30 the Oakland team would now have a lead which would be very hard to overcome. In the last five weeks Oakland has played every other club in the league and has decisively beaten them. In this time they have won five out of seven from the Seals, five out of seven from the Beavers, six out of nine from Happy Hogan's Brewers and six out of seven from the Angels. Including the two games they won from Vernon before they started this five weeks' series Wolverton's Commutes have won 28 out of 39 games for an average of .718. From one point ahead of Sacramento, who were in last place, the Oaks have risen from a practical tie for last place to the practical leadership of the league in less than six weeks.—Portland Evening Telegram.

SMALL BLAZE

Calls Out Fire Department At An Early Hour This Morning

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Summers at 507 East Pleasant street was somewhat damaged by fire early Saturday morning. At about two-fifteen o'clock a blaze was discovered on the east side porch by a passer-by and the alarm was immediately sent in to the fire department. They were on the scene in a remarkably short length of time and were soon at work extinguishing the flames, which had not yet gained much headway. Buckets of water and chemicals were used to extinguish the fire and it was not necessary to use the hose. The loss was not very great.

INJURED

Was Hinken's Hand By Heavy Piece Of Iron

Henry Hinken, an employee of the Mt. Vernon Bridge company, was the victim of a very painful injury while at work at the bridge works on Friday afternoon. He was working in company with a number of other men when one of them accidentally let a heavy piece of iron fall on the back of his right hand, inflicting a long, deep gash. The wound was dressed by Dr. F. L. Singrey.

FORECAST

Of The News For The Coming Week

Washington, D. C., June 25.—Ex-President Roosevelt is expected to attend the commencement exercises at Harvard university and the reunion of the class of '80, of which he was a member. While in New England he will be the guest of Senator Henry Cabot Lodge and will doubtless meet a number of prominent public men, among them Attorney General Wickensham, who is to address the graduates of the Harvard Law school.

The election of a United States senator, representatives in Congress and governor and other state officials are involved in the general primary election to be held in North Dakota Wednesday. As in other states of the middle west the contest promises to be a battle royal between the "progressive" and "stalwart" factions of the Republican party.

Four aspirants for the governorship of Vermont will contest for the nomination before the Republican State convention in Montpelier. In Maine another interesting gubernatorial contest will be settled at the Republican state convention on Wednesday.

A military carnival which is expected to eclipse all previous affairs of its kind in the United States will open in Chicago Tuesday. An entire division of the United States army will be encamped in Grant Park and military maneuvers and spectacles will continue daily until July 14. Toward the end of the week Boston will be invaded by a great army of teachers who will assemble from every part of the country for the annual convention of the National Educational Association. Preparations for the entertainment of the visitors are being made on an unusually elaborate scale and it is expected the convention will be the largest and most notable in the history of the association. The event of the week in aviation circles will be the world's contest at Montreal, while the attention of automobilists will be similarly centered on Indianapolis, where the national record races and the annual contest for the Cobe trophy will take place over the famous speedway course, beginning Friday.

An event of great interest to the Roman Catholic world is to take place in London Tuesday, when the great cathedral at Westminster is to be formally consecrated. The event will be attended by imposing ceremonies lasting two days in which eminent prelates from many parts of the world will take part.

The national conference of people who are interested in the welfare of children will begin Tuesday at Clark University, Worcester, and continue for five days. Among the many persons of prominence interested in the movement are Mrs. Theodore Roosevelt, Mrs. Robert M. LaFollette, Gifford Pinchot and Judge Ben B. Lindsey of Denver.

Other events which will figure more or less prominently in the news of the week will be the provincial elections in Alberta, the dedication of the Indians monument on the battlefield of Antanet, the annual meeting of the American Library Association at Mackinaw Island, the Empire rifle matches at Bisley, the Yale-Harvard boat race at New London, the meeting of the Southern Textile Association of Augusta, the annual observance of Dominion Day throughout Canada, and the annual convention in Pittsburgh of the Federation of American Zionists.

BIRTHS

A son was born Friday afternoon to Mr. and Mrs. Woods Worley, who reside on the Fredericktown road just north of the city.

SEVERE

Injury Sustained By Mrs. J. H. Osborn

Mrs. J. H. Osborn of near Hunts Station, sustained a very painful injury while at her home on Friday afternoon. Mrs. Osborn has for some time, been troubled with a bone affection and while walking from one room to another on Friday, she fell to the floor and struck on her right knee. The bone being soft and weakened by the disease, was broken and splintered by the fall. Dr. C. K. Conard was called to reduce the fracture and to render other necessary surgical attention.

STRUCK

His Head On A Pipe And Badly Injured

Mr. Clifford Rockwell, assistant field manager of the Ohio Fuel Supply Co., was severely injured while at work on Friday afternoon. Mr. Rockwell was busy at the pipe house when he accidentally struck his forehead against a beam of wood which projected from the wall of the building and fell over backwards. In his fall, the back of his head came violently in contact with the sharp end of a piece of iron gas pipe. A gash was cut clear to the skull and an artery severed. The wound bled profusely and it was only after Dr. C. K. Conard had worked several minutes that the wound was closed and the bleeding checked.

SECOND

Arrest Made In Utica Assault Case

Isaac Goldman Implicated By Little Thelma Prevost

Newark June 25.—A new turn was taken in the Utica assault case yesterday when Isaac Goldman, a shoemaker, was placed under arrest charged with assault, his victim, it is alleged, being Thelma Prevost age 8, of Utica. Calvin Belt, age 60, who is charged with the same offense was given a hearing before Mayor Atherton yesterday and it came out in the hearing that the girl first charged Belt with the crime and then implicated Goldman, whose arrest followed immediately.

The little girl was unable to be present at the hearing and the court and attorneys went to Utica today to take her testimony.

Goldman owns a shoeshop at Utica but hires a man to operate it for him. When arraigned late yesterday, he pleaded not guilty to the charge and was admitted to bail, the bond being fixed at \$2,000.

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SHERIFF'S SALE

John S. McConnell vs. Frank B. Shover, Knox Common Pleas. By virtue of an execution issued out of the court of common pleas of Knox county, Ohio, and to me directed, I will offer for sale at the door of the court house, in Mt. Vernon, Knox county, on Saturday, the 9th day of July, 1910,

between the hours of 1 p. m. and 3 p. m. of said day, the following described lands and tenements, to-wit: Situated in the township of Wayne in the county of Knox and state of Ohio, being lot No. 10, Foots addition to the Village of Fredericktown, in the said county and state according to a plat recorded in the office of the Recorder of Knox county, Ohio, the 28th day of May, 1904, in plat book No. 2, pages 115 and 119. Appraised at \$165.00. Terms of sale—Cash.

P. J. PARKER, Sheriff Knox County, Ohio. P. L. WILKINS, attorney for plaintiff. 6-7,14,21,28,7-58.

ADMINISTRATOR'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

In pursuance of an order of the Probate Court of Knox County, Ohio, will offer for sale at public auction, on the premises, in the village of Bladensburg, Ohio, on Saturday, July 16, 1910,

at 2 o'clock, p. m., the following described real estate situated in the village of Bladensburg, Knox County, Ohio, to-wit: Beginning at the northwest corner of lot No. 32, in the village of Bladensburg, Knox county, Ohio, thence east 16 feet; thence south 48 feet; thence west 16 feet; thence north 48 feet to the place of beginning. Appraised at \$140.00. Terms of sale—Cash. Administrator of Samuel F. Russell, deceased. Lewis B. Houck, Attorney for Administrator. June 20, 1910. 6-21,28,7-125.

SHERIFF'S SALE

John Kinnard vs. Sally Ann Hawkins et al. Knox Common Pleas. By virtue of an order of sale issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of Knox County, Ohio, and to me directed, I will offer for sale at the door of the Court House, in Mount Vernon, Knox County, on Saturday, the 9th day of July, 1910,

between the hours of 1 p. m. and 3 p. m. of said day, the following described lands and tenements, to-wit: Situated in Milford township, Knox county, Ohio, and bounded and described as follows: It being part of the west half of the southwest quarter of section nine in township five, range fourteen, commencing on the west line of said lot seven rods north of the Sycamore road twelve and one half rods; thence north two rods and thirteen feet and a half to a stake and stone; thence west parallel with the Sycamore road, one rod and a half; thence northwest in a right angle with the Johnstown road to the center of said Johnstown road; thence southwest along the center of said Johnstown road to the line of lots; thence south along said line to the place of beginning. Appraised at \$40.00. Terms of sale—Cash.

P. J. PARKER, Sheriff Knox County, Ohio. Weight and Moore, attorney for plaintiff. 6-7,14,21,28,7-58.

ADMINISTRATRIX' NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed and qualified administratrix of the estate of JOHN C. ROBERTS late of Knox county, Ohio, deceased, by the probate court of said county, May 2, 1910. Luella Roberts, Mt. Vernon, Ohio.

KNOX CO. TEACHERS' EXAMINATIONS 1909-1910

Meetings for the examination of teachers will be held at the

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